

Thomas Jefferson to Wilson Cary Nicholas, October 5, 1798, from The Works of Thomas Jefferson in Twelve Volumes. Federal Edition. Collected and Edited by Paul Leicester Ford.

TO WILSON CARY NICHOLAS¹ J. MSS.

¹ "See his letter of Oct. 4. 98. to which this is an answer. Copy of a letter tune not permitting a press copy this was immediately written from recollection & is nearly verbal."— *T. J.*

Monticello Oct. 5. 98.

Dr. Sir, —I entirely approve of the confidence you have reposed in mr Brackenridge, as he possesses mine entirely. I had imagined it better those resolutions should have originated with N. Carolina. But perhaps the late changes in their representation may indicate some doubt whether they could have passed. In that case it is better they should come from Kentucky. I understand you intend soon to go as far as mr Madison's. You know of course I have no secrets from him. I wish him therefore to be consulted as to these resolutions. The post boy waiting at the door obliges me to finish here with assurances of the esteem of Dr Sir your friend & servt.